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Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects Group I, claims 22-29, drawn to a non-woven fabric, with traverse.

The requirement should not be repeated, for the following reasons:

1. This application is a national phase of an international application. Therefore, the PCT Rules concerning unity of invention should apply. The international search authority and international examining authority have both accepted all of the claims in the application as being based on the same inventive concept and as therefore showing unity of invention. The U.S. national office should not depart from that finding.

2. Claim 43 is a linking claim, joining Groups I and II. Thus, the non-woven fabric of claim 43, by definition, cannot be produced by a method other than that of claim 30. Conversely, the method of claim 30 cannot produce a non-woven fabric other than that of claim 43. Therefore, a line of restriction cannot properly be drawn, between Groups I and II.

3. Separate classification is no indication of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public and cannot alter an applicant's rights in any way.

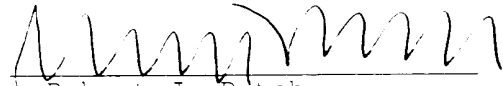
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Accordingly, an action on the merits of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

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